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INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O.11652: ADS

TAGS: CH,ES, PFOR

SUBJECT: PRC-EL SALVADOR RELATIONS

1. RICARDO CASTANEDA, DEPUTY FONMIN OF EL SALVADOR, CALLED ON USLO CHIEF BUSH ON MAY 1. PRIMARY PURPOSE WAS TO RENEW FRIDNDSHIP AND TO EXPLAIN HIS MISSION TO CHINA, NAMELY GETTING SUPPORT FOR DR. AQUINO TO HEAD FAO (REPORTED SEPTTEL).

2. CASTANEDA APPARENTLY HAD A GOOD AND FRUITFUL VISIT WITH CHIAO KUAN HUA DURING WHICH THE SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CAME UP. AFTER CASTANEDA DESCRIBED SOME PROBLEMS IN EL SALVADOR ABOUT FULL RELATIONS WITH PRC NOW, CHIAO SUGGESTED THAT THE BEST THING WOULD BE FOR BOTH SIDES TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER BETTER. HE APPARENTLY WAS QUITE RELAXED ON THE SUBJECT.

3. THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT TRADE EXCHANGES. HERETOFORE, THEY HAVE DONE A SMALL AMOUNT OF TRADE BUT ALWAYS THROUGH SOME THIRD PARTY. PRC HAS BOUGHT SOME COTTON FROM EL SALVADOR.

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4. CASTANEDA ADVISED BUSH THAT MOOD IN EL SALVADOR IS CHANGING ALTHOUGH SOME RESISTANCE TO FULL RELATIONS WITH PRC EXISTS. CASTANEDA FOUND CHIAO CHARMING, BROAD MINDED AND FRIENDLY. ALL THROUGH HIS TALKS ANIMOSITY TO USSR CAME THROUGH LOUD AND CLEAR. WANG HAI-JUNG ASKED HIM HOW EL SALVADOR'S RELATIONS WITH US WERE GOING. HE REPLIED VERY WELL. SHE SAID THAT WAS VERY GOOD AND WENT ON THEN TO EXPRESS STANDARD ANTI-USSR POSITION.

5. COMMENT: HAVE REPORTED CASTANEDA'S MISSION TO SUPPORT AQUINO FOR FAO POST IN SEPTTEL. CASTANEDA WANTS TO SEE BUFFUM WHEN HE COMES TO WASHINGTON NEXT WEEK. MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA FOR ARMSTRONG OR SOMEONE FROM EA VISIT WITH CASTANEDA TO GET FIRST HAND HIS IMPRESSIONS OF PRC PART OF TRIP. BUSH

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